

Click it or Ticket – The facts

- The most recent direct observation survey conducted in September 2002 found belt use was 82.9 percent in Michigan. (University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute – UMTRI)
- Belt use is 85.1 percent for passenger cars, 85.5 percent for sport-utility vehicles, 83.1 percent for vans and 74.4 percent for pickup trucks. (UMTRI)
- Belt use is higher for females than for males, and higher for drivers than for passengers. Belt use is lowest among 16-to-29-year-olds. (UMTRI)
- Research has found that lap/shoulder safety belts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent. For light truck occupants, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent and moderate-to-critical injury by 65 percent. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - NHTSA).
- Michigan law requires all front seat occupants to buckle up. Passengers under age 16 must be buckled up, whether sitting in the front or back seat. Children under age 4 must be in an approved child safety seat, whether sitting in the front or back seat.
- The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is providing \$2,070,000 in federal funds to local, county and state law enforcement agencies in the 18 most populous counties to conduct overtime traffic enforcement during the four national mobilizations this fiscal year: November, December, May and July.

Those counties are:

Bay	Kalamazoo	Oakland
Berrien	Kent	Ottawa
Calhoun	Livingston	Saginaw
Genesee	Macomb	St. Clair
Ingham	Monroe	Wayne
Jackson	Muskegon	Washtenaw

